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1            AN ACT Relating to establishing school district depreciation  
2 subfunds for the purposes of preventative maintenance; and amending  
3 RCW 28A.320.330.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5            **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.320.330 and 2021 c 332 s 7045 are each amended  
6 to read as follows:

7            School districts shall establish the following funds in addition  
8 to those provided elsewhere by law:

9            (1)(a) A general fund for the school district to account for all  
10 financial operations of the school district except those required to  
11 be accounted for in another fund.

12            (b) By the 2018-19 school year, a local revenue subfund of its  
13 general fund to account for the financial operations of a school  
14 district that are paid from local revenues. The local revenues that  
15 must be deposited in the local revenue subfund are enrichment levies  
16 and transportation vehicle levies collected under RCW 84.52.053,  
17 local effort assistance funding received under chapter 28A.500 RCW,  
18 and other school district local revenues including, but not limited  
19 to, grants, donations, and state and federal payments in lieu of  
20 taxes, but do not include other federal revenues, or local revenues  
21 that operate as an offset to the district's basic education

1 allocation under RCW 28A.150.250. School districts must track  
2 expenditures from this subfund separately to account for the  
3 expenditure of each of these streams of revenue by source, and must  
4 provide the supplemental expenditure schedule under (c) of this  
5 subsection, and any other supplemental expenditure schedules required  
6 by the superintendent of public instruction or state auditor, for  
7 purposes of RCW 43.09.2856.

8 (c) Beginning in the 2019-20 school year, the superintendent of  
9 public instruction must require school districts to provide a  
10 supplemental expenditure schedule by revenue source that identifies  
11 the amount expended by object for each of the following supplementary  
12 enrichment activities beyond the state funded amount:

13 (i) Minimum instructional offerings under RCW 28A.150.220 or  
14 28A.150.260 not otherwise included on other lines;

15 (ii) Staffing ratios or program components under RCW 28A.150.260,  
16 including providing additional staff for class size reduction beyond  
17 class sizes allocated in the prototypical school model and additional  
18 staff beyond the staffing ratios allocated in the prototypical school  
19 formula;

20 (iii) Program components under RCW 28A.150.200, 28A.150.220, or  
21 28A.150.260, not otherwise included on other lines;

22 (iv) Program components to support students in the program of  
23 special education;

24 (v) Program components of professional learning, as defined by  
25 RCW 28A.415.430, beyond that allocated under RCW 28A.150.415;

26 (vi) Extracurricular activities;

27 (vii) Extended school days or an extended school year;

28 (viii) Additional course offerings beyond the minimum  
29 instructional program established in the state's statutory program of  
30 basic education;

31 (ix) Activities associated with early learning programs;

32 (x) Activities associated with providing the student  
33 transportation program;

34 (xi) Any additional salary costs attributable to the provision or  
35 administration of the enrichment activities allowed under RCW  
36 28A.150.276;

37 (xii) Additional activities or enhancements that the office of  
38 the superintendent of public instruction determines to be a  
39 documented and demonstrated enrichment of the state's statutory  
40 program of basic education under RCW 28A.150.276; and

1 (xiii) All other costs not otherwise identified in other line  
2 items.

3 (d) For any salary and related benefit costs identified in  
4 (c)(xi), (xii), and (xiii) of this subsection, the school district  
5 shall maintain a record describing how these expenditures are  
6 documented and demonstrated enrichment of the state's statutory  
7 program of basic education. School districts shall maintain these  
8 records until the state auditor has completed the audit under RCW  
9 43.09.2856.

10 (e) For school districts of the second class as defined by RCW  
11 28A.300.065, a depreciation subfund for the school district to  
12 reserve funds for future facility and equipment needs. Up to two  
13 percent of a second class school district's general fund may be  
14 deposited each fiscal year into the depreciation subfund for the  
15 purpose of preventative maintenance or emergency facility needs. The  
16 preventative maintenance must be necessary to realize the originally  
17 anticipated useful life of a building or facility and include:  
18 Exterior painting of facilities; replacement or renovation of  
19 roofing, exterior walls, windows, heating, air conditioning and  
20 ventilation systems, floor coverings in classrooms and common areas,  
21 and electrical and plumbing systems; and renovation of playfields,  
22 athletic facilities, and other district real property. School  
23 districts of the second class, subject to applicable public works bid  
24 limits, may use school district employees to perform preventative  
25 maintenance with moneys from the depreciation subfund, but moneys  
26 from the depreciation subfund may not be used for employee  
27 compensation that is unrelated to this subsection (1)(e).

28 (2) A capital projects fund shall be established for major  
29 capital purposes. All statutory references to a "building fund" shall  
30 mean the capital projects fund so established. Money to be deposited  
31 into the capital projects fund shall include, but not be limited to,  
32 bond proceeds, proceeds from excess levies authorized by RCW  
33 84.52.053, state apportionment proceeds as authorized by RCW  
34 28A.150.270, earnings from capital projects fund investments as  
35 authorized by RCW 28A.320.310 and 28A.320.320, and state forest  
36 revenues transferred pursuant to subsection (3) of this section.

37 Money derived from the sale of bonds, including interest earnings  
38 thereof, may only be used for those purposes described in RCW  
39 28A.530.010, except that accrued interest paid for bonds shall be  
40 deposited in the debt service fund.

1 Money to be deposited into the capital projects fund shall  
2 include but not be limited to rental and lease proceeds as authorized  
3 by RCW 28A.335.060, and proceeds from the sale of real property as  
4 authorized by RCW 28A.335.130.

5 Money legally deposited into the capital projects fund from other  
6 sources may be used for the purposes described in RCW 28A.530.010,  
7 and for the purposes of:

8 (a) Major renovation and replacement of facilities and systems  
9 where periodical repairs are no longer economical or extend the  
10 useful life of the facility or system beyond its original planned  
11 useful life. Such renovation and replacement shall include, but shall  
12 not be limited to, major repairs, exterior painting of facilities,  
13 replacement and refurbishment of roofing, exterior walls, windows,  
14 heating and ventilating systems, floor covering in classrooms and  
15 public or common areas, and electrical and plumbing systems.

16 (b) Renovation and rehabilitation of playfields, athletic fields,  
17 and other district real property.

18 (c) The conduct of preliminary energy audits and energy audits of  
19 school district buildings. For the purpose of this section:

20 (i) "Preliminary energy audits" means a determination of the  
21 energy consumption characteristics of a building, including the size,  
22 type, rate of energy consumption, and major energy using systems of  
23 the building.

24 (ii) "Energy audit" means a survey of a building or complex which  
25 identifies the type, size, energy use level, and major energy using  
26 systems; which determines appropriate energy conservation maintenance  
27 or operating procedures and assesses any need for the acquisition and  
28 installation of energy conservation measures, including solar energy  
29 and renewable resource measures.

30 (iii) "Energy capital improvement" means the installation, or  
31 modification of the installation, of energy conservation measures in  
32 a building which measures are primarily intended to reduce energy  
33 consumption or allow the use of an alternative energy source.

34 (d) Those energy capital improvements which are identified as  
35 being cost-effective in the audits authorized by this section.

36 (e) Purchase or installation of additional major items of  
37 equipment and furniture: PROVIDED, That vehicles shall not be  
38 purchased with capital projects fund money.

39 (f) (i) Costs associated with implementing technology systems,  
40 facilities, and projects, including acquiring hardware, licensing

1 software, and online applications and training related to the  
2 installation of the foregoing. However, the software or applications  
3 must be an integral part of the district's technology systems,  
4 facilities, or projects.

5 (ii) Costs associated with the application and modernization of  
6 technology systems for operations and instruction including, but not  
7 limited to, the ongoing fees for online applications, subscriptions,  
8 or software licenses, including upgrades and incidental services, and  
9 ongoing training related to the installation and integration of these  
10 products and services. However, to the extent the funds are used for  
11 the purpose under this subsection (2)(f)(ii), the school district  
12 shall transfer to the district's general fund the portion of the  
13 capital projects fund used for this purpose. The office of the  
14 superintendent of public instruction shall develop accounting  
15 guidelines for these transfers in accordance with internal revenue  
16 service regulations.

17 (g) Major equipment repair, painting of facilities, and other  
18 major preventative maintenance purposes. However, to the extent the  
19 funds are used for the purpose under this subsection (2)(g), the  
20 school district shall transfer to the district's general fund the  
21 portion of the capital projects fund used for this purpose. The  
22 office of the superintendent of public instruction shall develop  
23 accounting guidelines for these transfers in accordance with internal  
24 revenue service regulations. Based on the district's most recent two-  
25 year history of general fund maintenance expenditures, funds used for  
26 this purpose may not replace routine annual preventive maintenance  
27 expenditures made from the district's general fund.

28 (h) During the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium, renovation and  
29 replacement of facilities and systems, purchase or installation of  
30 items of equipment and furniture, including maintenance vehicles and  
31 machinery, and other preventative maintenance or infrastructure  
32 improvement purposes.

33 (3) A debt service fund to provide for tax proceeds, other  
34 revenues, and disbursements as authorized in chapter 39.44 RCW. State  
35 forestland revenues that are deposited in a school district's debt  
36 service fund pursuant to RCW 79.64.110 and to the extent not  
37 necessary for payment of debt service on school district bonds may be  
38 transferred by the school district into the district's capital  
39 projects fund.

1           (4) An associated student body fund as authorized by RCW  
2 28A.325.030.

3           (5) Advance refunding bond funds and refunded bond funds to  
4 provide for the proceeds and disbursements as authorized in chapter  
5 39.53 RCW.

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